

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added.

The Abstract stands objected to due to its length. In response, Applicant has amended the Abstract to be no more than 150 words long. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11, 15-16, 23, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,371,935 to Petrakos et al. ("Petrakos"). Claims 5, 9-10, 18, 22, and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrakos in view of JP 405268650 to Wakimoto ("Wakimoto"). Claims 8, 12 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrakos in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,190 to Linkola ("Linkola"). Claims 3 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrakos in view of Wakimoto as applied to claims 2 and 16 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,521 to Thompson ("Thompson"). Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Petrakos in view of Linkola and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,450,613 to Takahara ("Takahara"). Claims 4, 17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrakos in view of JP 411,177,725 to Kahata ("Kahata").

Petrakos is directed to a method and system for generating information bearing audible tones. Either a first or a second audible (e.g. dial) tone is generated responsive to a first or a second signal. An information signal from a telephone system and a user initiated signal from a telephone indicating a desire to initiate a call from the telephone are received. A processor processes the information signal and the user initiated signal to determine, for example, billing

rate information, available services, or service control procedures associated with the desired call. Based upon this information, one of the first or second signals is generated. A dial tone generator generates one of the first or second audible tones in response to one of the first or second signals, respectively.

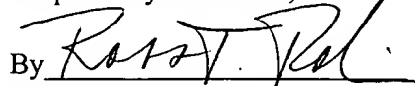
Petrakos is directed to outgoing calls made by a user of the telephone. A distinctive dial tone is used to alert the user to, for example, when the user has roamed out of the user's home network area. Petrakos does not disclose alerting the user of the telephone in any way relative to incoming calls.

Amended claims 1 and 15 include at least one distinguishing feature over Petrakos, namely, the user being alerted immediately before an incoming call to the user is activated (claim 1) and an indicator for alerting the user immediately when the phone receives an incoming call (claim 15). Further, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the remaining cited references cures the deficiencies of Petrakos noted above.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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